



Disaster and Emergency Management Resources

Caring for Your Pets During a Disaster

- Bring your pets inside immediately during a storm. Never leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.
- If evacuation is required, plan on taking your pets with you if at all feasible. You should have included your pets in your disaster planning (See Section 2.2 and 2.7)
- Undertake the following measures if evacuation is required and you have to leave your pet at home:
 - Prepare a safe location for your pet. Consider easy to clean areas such as utility areas or bathrooms and rooms with access to a supply of fresh water. Set up two separate locations if you have dogs and cats. Never plan on leaving your pet chained outside during a disaster event.
 - Leave familiar items such as the pet's normal bedding and favorite toys.
 - Leave a three-day supply of dry food in a sturdy container that the pet cannot overturn.
 - Leave water in a sturdy, no-spill container.
 - Place a notice outside in a visible area, advising emergency responders what pets are in the house and where they are located.

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